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WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

October 20, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION:
ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS
FOR FIFTH DISTRICT 2009 COMPETITIVE TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS
UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996
FOR THE WILLIAM S. HART PARK SCENIC NATURE TRAIL AND
LA CRESCENTA RECREATIONAL TRAIL LINK PROJECTS
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for Fifth District 2009 Competitive Trails Program grant funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 administered by the Regional Park and Open Space District for the William S. Hart Park Scenic Nature Trail and La Crescenta Recreational Trail Link projects.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the proposed actions categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections 15378(b)(4) and (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because they encompass administrative activities for government grants that by their term do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Board of Supervisors

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2. Adopt the attached resolutions approving the submission of grant applications for Fifth District 2009 Competitive Trails Program grant funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 for the William S. Hart Park Scenic Nature Trail project in the amount of \$100,000 and La Crescenta Recreational Trail Link project in the amount of \$150,000.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION/JUSTIFICATION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to apply for Fifth District 2009 Competitive Trails Program (Program) grant funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (Proposition A) administered by the Regional Park and Open Space District (District). The Program provides \$1,398,180 in funding for capital improvement projects within the Fifth Supervisorial District to create public park and recreational facilities such as bike paths, trails, and public access points to existing trails. Applications are due by October 29, 2009 and the maximum grant award is \$150,000 per project.

The Department is requesting approval of the attached resolutions authorizing submission of applications to fund the William S. Hart Park Scenic Nature Trail Project, located in Newhall and the La Crescenta Recreational Trail Link Project, located in La Crescenta.

William S. Hart Park Scenic Nature Trail Project

The proposed project includes construction of a new scenic trail, approximately three-fourths of a mile long. The trail will begin southeast of Hart Hall and link to the existing multi-use service road, which provides access to the campgrounds, and will end at the Hart Museum. The trail will also include construction of a wood beam bridge, signage, culverts, split log railings, switchbacks, and benches.

La Crescenta Recreational Trail Link Project

The proposed project will include a new multi-use trail, approximately one-third of a mile long beginning at 2700 Orange Avenue, continuing north along the Eagle Canyon Flood Control Channel, heading towards the northwest boundary of Two Strike Park, and ending at the residential area along Rosemont and Pine Glen Road in La Crescenta. The trail will include intermittent walls to level existing grade, fencing to prevent access into the flood control channel, and gates to close off access to the trail when deemed unsafe for users. Signage and improvements to the drainage will also be included.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions support County Strategic Plan Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by maximizing the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services; Children, Family and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2) by enriching lives through integrated, cost-effective and client-centered supportive services; Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) by enriching the lives of Los Angeles County's residents and visitors by providing access to cultural, recreational and lifelong learning facilities programs; ensuring quality regional open space, and delivering customer oriented municipal services to the County's diverse communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The preliminary total estimated cost of the proposed William S. Hart Park Scenic Nature Trail project is \$100,000. If grant funds are awarded, the project will be fully funded with Fifth District 2009 Competitive Trails Program grant funds.

The preliminary total estimated cost of the proposed La Crescenta Recreational Trail Link project is \$530,000. If grant funds are awarded, the project will be funded \$150,000 with Fifth District 2009 Competitive Trails Program grant funds and \$380,000 with 2002 State Bond Act Proposition 40 Per Capita grant funds

Operating Budget Impact

The provisions of the William S. Hart Park Scenic Nature Trail project have maintenance requirements that will be fulfilled with existing park staff and resources. Based on the La Crescenta Recreational Trail Link project's description, the Department anticipates ongoing costs of \$2,500 for maintenance supplies. The Department will work with the Chief Executive Office to confirm the appropriate level of funding and request ongoing funds in the Department's Fiscal Year 2011-12 New Facilities request.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The District requires that grantees submit an adopted resolution that demonstrates its governing body has duly considered the project at a public meeting and has authorized the filing of the application. The resolutions for the William S. Hart Park Scenic Nature Trail and the La Crescenta Recreational Trail Link projects are attached.

Pursuant to Section 14 of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, all funds of the District allocated to projects which include tasks that can be performed by youth, including but not limited to the rehabilitation, restoration and/or development of beach,

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park, recreation, open space and/or natural lands, and recreation and community facilities, shall be used to the maximum extent feasible to employ at-risk youth from the community in which the particular project is being carried out. The Department will submit the Youth Employment Plans for the William S. Hart Park Scenic Nature Trail and the La Crescenta Recreational Trail Link projects with the submission of the grant applications.

Pursuant to the County's Grants Management Policy, departments are required to attach the Grants Management Statement form when filing a Board agenda letter for grants of \$100,000 or more. The Grants Management Statement forms for the William S. Hart Park Scenic Nature Trail and La Crescenta Recreational Trail Link projects are attached.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolutions as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections 15378(b)(4) and (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because they encompass administrative activities for government grants that by their term do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of these actions will not impact any other current services or projects.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and the resolution to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division; and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer

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c: County Counsel
Department of Parks and Recreation

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR
FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2009 COMPETITIVE TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT
FUNDS FOR THE LA CRESCENTA RECREATIONAL TRAIL LINK PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or developing facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing applications for grant funds under the Propositions, and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the Department of Parks and Recreation to certify, by resolution, the approval of the applications before submission of said applications to the District; and

WHEREAS, said applications contain assurances that the Department of Parks and Recreation must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation will enter into Agreements with the District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY:

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Fifth Supervisorial District 2009 Competitive Trails Program grant funds for the above project in the amount of \$150,000; and
2. Certifies that the Department of Parks and Recreation understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that the Department of Parks and Recreation has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity.

The foregoing resolution was on the ____ day of _____, 2009, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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By _____
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ROBERT E. KALUNIAN
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Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

Grant Project Title and Description

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Funding Agency

Regional Park and
Open Space District

Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)

Local Grant Program: Safe
Neighborhood Parks Proposition of
1996

Grant Acceptance Deadline

10/29/2009

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$150,000

County Match: None

Grant Period:

Begin Date:
12/1/2009

End Date: 12/1/2012

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:

Full Time: N/A

Part Time: N/A

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? N/A	Yes:	No:
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes:	No:
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes: x	No:
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:		
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes:	No:
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)	Yes:	No:
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes:	No:

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

Other requirements not mentioned above:

Department Head Signature:

[Signature]

Date:

10/1/09

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Greg John Winkler

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